



Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board
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Virginia Marine Resources Commission
2600 Washington Avenue
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Newport News, VA 23607

Dear Recreational Fishing Advisory Board Members:

The Peninsula Salt Water Sport Fisherman Association has reviewed the 2009
Proposals submitted to you and would like to express our views on these projects.

Multi-Year Projects for 2009 Renewal.

A) 2009 Sunshine Children's Fishing Program. Denny Dobbins, Portsmouth Anglers
Club. \$7,194. **SUPPORT**

B) 2009 Saxis Fishing Pier Youth Fishing Tournaments (Year 8). Allen Evans, Eastern
Shore of Virginia Anglers Club. \$1,325. **SUPPORT**

C) 2009 Hope House & Oak Grove Nursing Home Fishing Excursions and Clinics. D.
Hurst, C. Macin, Great Bridge Fisherman's Association. \$4,000. **SUPPORT**

D) 2009 Youth Developmental "Hooked on Fishing" Adventure (Year 2). A. Fisher, R.
Lockhart, Virginia Charter Boat Association. \$5,780. **SUPPORT**

E) 2009 Virginia Marine Sportfish Collection (Year 3). J. Grist, J. Cimino, VMRC.
\$10,000. **SUPPORT**

F) 2009 Deployment of Artificial Reef Structure. Mike Meier, VMRC.
\$100,000. **SUPPORT**

G) 2009 Estimate and Assess Social and Economic Importance and Value of
Menhaden to Chesapeake Bay Stakeholders and Region (3 Year Study) - Year 3.
James Kirkley, VIMS. \$154,452. **PARTIAL SUPPORT, funding should also be
coming from the Commercial sector.**

H) 2009 Enhancing Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Habitat: Research and
Education for Restoration (Year 15). Robert Orth, VIMS. \$98,309. **Withdrawn**

I) Federal Assistance (Wallop-Breaux) Matching Funds, Federal FY 2010. Jack

Travelstead, VMRC. \$235,563. **DO NOT SUPPORT, this request should be fully financed by the Commercial Sector, since all the funds are derived from Recreational fishermen.**

J) Jun - Dec 2009, Estimating Relative Abundance of Young-of-Year American Eel in the Virginia Tributaries of Chesapeake Bay. M. Fabrizio, T. Tuckey, VIMS. \$24,544.
Withdrawn

V. Multi-Year Projects for 2010 Renewal.

K) 2010 Children's Fishing Clinic (Year 13). Rob Cowling, Newport News Rotary Club and Coastal Conservation Association-Peninsula. \$6,500. **SUPPORT**

L) 2010 Kiwanis Club Children's Fishing Clinic (Year 9). Wesley Brown, Capital District Kiwanis Club. \$6,500. **SUPPORT**

M) 2010 Virginia Game Fish Tagging (Year 16). J. Lucy, VIMS and L. Gillingham, VMRC. \$87,800. **SUPPORT**

N) 2010 Improving Stock Assessment of Weakfish - Year 3. Y. Jiao, D. Orth, VPI & SU, and R. O'Reilly, VMRC. \$111,356. **DO NOT SUPPORT, funding should be provided by ASMFC.**

O) Jan-Dec 2010, Estimating Relative Abundance of Young-of-Year American Eel in the Virginia Tributaries of Chesapeake Bay (Yr 9). M. Fabrizio, T. Tuckey, VIMS. **DO NOT SUPPORT Funding should be obtained from the Commercial fund.**

VI. New Projects for 2009.

P) 2009 Virginia Fishing Line Recycling Program. A. Nelson, J. Grist, VMRC. \$3,500.
DO NOT SUPPORT

Q) 2009 Trophic Position and Ecological Function of Juvenile Menhaden in Chesapeake Bay. C. Jones, J. Schaffler, ODURF. \$43,967. **SUPPORT**

VII. New Projects for 2010.

R) 2010 Academic Anglers Children's Fishing Clinic. C. Roberts, A. Bracey, Academic Anglers Fishing Team. \$1,000. **SUPPORT**

S) 2010 Understanding the Impacts of Mycobacterial Disease on Striped Bass: When and Where does Mortality Occur in the Rappahannock River. J. Hoenig, W. Vogelbein, VIMS. \$50,535. **SUPPORT**

T) 2010 Connecting Productivity in Eelgrass Beds to Recreationally Important Finfishes

in Chesapeake Bay: Forage Fishes as Trophic Conduits. R. Latour, K. Sobocinski, J. van Montfrans, J. E. Duffy, VIMS. \$58,329. **SUPPORT**

U) 2010 Blueline and Golden Tilefish Population Dynamics Along the Virginian Continental Shelf, Year 1. J. Ballenger, C. Jones, ODURF. \$72,768. **SUPPORT**

We appreciate the opportunity to express our views on the disbursement of our state's recreational saltwater license funds. With the reality of the current funding crisis for the State of Virginia and the possibility of the Governor raiding the fund again (which we totally disagree with) which would result in inadequate funding for this cycle we fill that the top priority should be given to the Children's fishing programs followed by Reef Program and the Tagging Program.

Thank you for your consideration.

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